

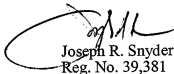
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 41, 43, 44, 48, 51, 52, 56, 75-77, and 79-86 are pending in this application and are presented for examination. Claim 77 has been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been entered with the foregoing amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants have updated claim 77 in view of the Examiner's helpful suggestion. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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